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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 15 and add claim 44 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claims 1-14. (Canceled)

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Claim 15. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle comprising:

a motor vehicle body including a front end and a rear end of the motor vehicle body, the motor vehicle body having a plurality of frame members with a skin of sheet material covering the frame members and at least partially forming a generally vertical side wall, the motor vehicle body extending from the front end to the rear end of the motor vehicle body in a fore and aft direction generally parallel to a direction of travel of the motor vehicle, the motor vehicle body also extending laterally from side to side in a direction that is a generally transverse direction relative to the direction of travel of the motor vehicle, wherein the motor vehicle body includes a truck bed comprising at least a portion of the side wall;

at least one body receiver in the motor vehicle body, said body receiver having structure forming the at least one body receiver, the structure of the body receiver defining a length extending in the transverse direction, the structure of the body receiver also defining an opening in the motor vehicle body, wherein the opening has a width; and

the length of the body receiver being greater than the width of the opening of the body receiver, said length of the body receiver extending in a direction that is generally horizontal and non-parallel to the fore and aft direction, wherein the body receiver opens out away from a center of the motor vehicle through[[a]] the side wall of the truck bed of the motor vehicle body;

at least one accessory selectively received in the at least one receiver; wherein:

the receiver is not located in a bumper and the receiver is not a threaded receiver; and

the receiver is located above a tire height of the motor vehicle.

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Claim 16. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the accessory comprises one or more of: a ladder rack, an electrician's reel, a barbeque accessory, a tool supporting table, a winch, a hunting accessory, a fishing accessory, a bike rack, a ski rack, a ramp, a width extension, and a length extension.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

the structure forming the at least one body receiver comprises a socket formed by the opening disposed in the body;

the accessory includes an insert connected to the accessory and selectively located in the socket in a deployed state supporting the accessory on the body.

Claim 18. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 17, wherein:

the structure provides the socket as a lengthwise horizontal socket; and

the insert comprises a shaft having a longitudinal axis disposed horizontally when the insert is in the deployed state.

Claim 19. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 18, wherein:

the body receiver is a first body receiver;

the motor vehicle further comprising a plurality of body receivers including said first body receiver.

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Claims 20. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle of claim 19, wherein the plurality of body receivers comprises at least one lengthwise vertical socket.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle of claim 20, wherein the plurality of body receivers comprises a plurality of lengthwise horizontal sockets including the lengthwise horizontal socket.

Claims 22-26. (Canceled)

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle of claim 19, wherein the plurality of body receivers is added to the body of the vehicle.

Claim 28. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the vehicle includes a plurality of accessories including the at least one accessory.

Claim 29. (Canceled)

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Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle of claim 17, further comprising:

a hole in a wall of the socket;

a hole in the insert; and

a pin engaged through the hole in the wall of the socket and through the hole in the insert to hold the insert in the socket against inadvertent separation therefrom.

Claims 31-43. (Canceled)

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Claim 44. (New) A motor vehicle having a truck bed, the truck bed comprising:

a front end and a rear end forming part of a motor vehicle body, the truck bed having a plurality of frame members with a skin of sheet material covering the frame members, the sheet material at least in part forming a side wall of the truck bed, the truck bed extending from the front end to the rear end in a fore and aft direction generally parallel to a direction of travel of the motor vehicle, the truck bed also extending laterally from side to side in a direction that is a generally transverse direction relative to the direction of travel of the motor vehicle;

at least one body receiver in the truck bed, said body receiver having structure forming the at least one body receiver, the structure of the body receiver defining a length extending in the transverse direction, the structure of the body receiver also defining an opening in the truck bed, wherein the opening has a width; and

the length of the body receiver being greater than the width of the opening of the body receiver, said length of the body receiver extending in a direction that is generally horizontal and non-parallel to the fore and aft direction, wherein:

the body receiver opens out away from a center of the motor vehicle through the side wall; and

the body receiver is not located in a bumper; and

at least one accessory selectively received in the at least one receiver.